

EE503 Probability for Electrical and Computer Engineers

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Week 1 Session 1

Outcome space / Sample space

$\Omega = \{\text{set of all possible outcomes of a random experiment}\}$

1. Flip 1 coin:

$$\Omega = \{H, T\}$$

2. Flip 2 coins:

$$\Omega = \{HH, TT, HT, TH\}$$

3. Number of emails in the inbox from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm:

$$\Omega = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

4. Amplitude of the received signal at the radar:

$$\Omega = \{0, \infty\}$$

Events:

Flip 2 coins:

$$\Omega = \{HH, TT, HT, TH\}$$

$$A = \{HH, TT\}$$

Event A : a subset of Ω

If the observed outcome belongs to event A , then event A has occurred.

Radar:

$$\Omega = \{0, \infty\}$$

$$A = \{0, 1\}$$

$$B = \{\pi\}$$

Event Space: Collection of events.

1. Flip 1 coin:

$$\Omega = \{H, T\}$$

Event Space: $\{H\}, \{T\}, \Omega, \phi$ [All possible subsets of Ω]

Power set of Ω : 2^Ω

2. Flip 2 coins:

$$\Omega = \{HH, TT, HT, TH\}$$

Event space 1: $\phi, \Omega, \{HH\}, \{HT\}, \{TH\}, \{TT\}, \{HH, TT\}, \{HT, TH\}, \{HH, HT\}, \{HT, TT\} \dots$

[Power set of Ω]

For a set with n elements, number of possible subsets is 2^n .

Event Space 2: $\Omega = \{HH, TT, HT, TH\}$

$\{HH, TT\}, \{HT, TH\}, \Omega, \phi \leftarrow$ Another possible event space for the experiment of flipping

Requirement of an Event Space

1. Ω is in the event space (sure event)
2. If A is in the event space, A^c is in the event space
3. If A and B are in the event space, then $A \cup B$ and $A \cap B$ are also in the event space.

Deduction 1:

ϕ is always in event space

Deduction 2:

If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n in the event space, then:

$\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$ and $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ are in the event space.

Probability Law P

For each event A in the event space, $P(A)$ is a real number that describes our belief/ likelihood of event A .

Axioms of Probability.

1. $P(\Omega) = 1$

2. For any event A , $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$

3. Additivity Axiom

(a) If A and B are 2 disjoint (i.e., mutually exclusive $\leftarrow A \cap B = \phi$) events, then:

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$

(b) If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are pairwise disjoint events (i.e., $A_k \cap A_l = \phi$ for all $k \neq l$), then:

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \dots \cup A_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$$

Example 1

$$\Omega = \{H, T\}$$

Event space=Power set of Ω

$$P(\{H\}) = 1/2$$

What is the value of $P(T)$

$$P(\Omega) = 1$$

$$P(\{H, T\}) = 1$$

$$\{H, T\} = \{H\} \cup \{T\}$$

$$P(\{H\} \cup \{T\}) = 1 \leftarrow \text{Additivity axiom}$$

$$P(\{H\}) + P(\{T\}) = 1$$

$$P(\{T\}) = 1 - P(\{H\})$$

$$P(\{T\}) = 1 - 1/2 = 1/2$$

Example 2

Throw a die

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

Event space=Power set of Ω

Probability law: For any event A , $P(A) = \frac{|A|}{6}$

Notation : $|A|$ = number of elements in A = cardinality of A

$$P(\{6\}) = 1/6$$

Prob of getting an even number :

$$P(\{2, 4, 6\}) = 3/6$$

$$P(\phi) = 0$$

Example 3

Throw a die

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

Event space=Power set of Ω

$$P(\{1\}) = P(\{2\}) = P(\{3\}) = P(\{4\}) = P(\{5\}) = 1/6$$

$$P(\{6\}) = 1/6$$

$$P(\{3, 4, 5\}) = P(\{3\} \cup \{4\} \cup \{5\})$$

$$= P(\{3\}) + P(\{4\}) + P(\{5\})$$

$$= 6/15$$

Example 4

$$\Omega = \{0, \infty\}$$

Event space consist of all possible sub-interval of $\{0, \infty\}$ as well as their compliments, unions and intersections.

e.g., (a, b) , $[a, b]$, $(a, b]$, $[a, \infty)$

Borel event space or Borel sigma algebra

Probability law: For any interval A

$$P(A) = \int_A e^{-\omega} d\omega$$

$$P((1, 2)) = \int_1^2 e^{-\omega} d\omega$$

$$P([2, \infty)) = \int_2^{\infty} e^{-\omega} d\omega$$

Probability that the outcome is less than 1 or greater than 5 ?

$$P([0, 1] \cup (5, \infty)) = P([0, 1]) + P((5, \infty))$$

$$= \int_0^1 e^{-\omega} d\omega + \int_5^{\infty} e^{-\omega} d\omega$$

Example 5

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

$\mathcal{F} = \text{Power set of } \Omega$

i.e., Event space \mathcal{F} [sigma-algebra]

$$P(\{k\}) = \frac{1}{2^k}, \text{ where } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Verify $P(\Omega) = 1$

Event space

If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are in the event space, then:

$\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$ and $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ are in the event space.

If A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots are in the event space, then:

$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ and $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ are also in the event space.

Probability Axioms

- Additivity axiom

A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are pairwise disjoint events

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$$

- Countable additivity axiom

A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots are pairwise disjoint events

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$$

$$P(\Omega) = P(\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\})$$

$$\{1, 2, 3, \dots\} = \{1\} \cup \{2\} \cup \dots$$

$$P(\{1\} \cup \{2\} \cup \dots) = P(\{1\}) + P(\{2\}) + \dots$$

$$\text{Countable additivity axiom: } P(\{k\}) = \frac{1}{2^k}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1/2}{1-1/2}$$

Note \leftarrow Geometric series

$a + ar + ar^2 + \dots$ where $r < 1$, then

$$\text{sum} = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

Probability that the outcome is an even number:

$$P(\{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}) = P(\{2\} \cup \{4\} \cup \dots)$$

$$= P(\{2\}) + P(\{4\}) + \dots$$

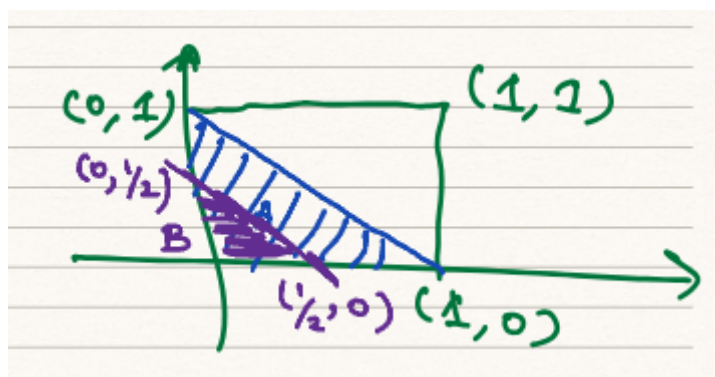
$$= \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^4} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1/4}{1-1/4}$$

$$= 1/3$$

Example 6

$$\Omega = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x, y \leq 1\}$$



$$P(A) = \text{Area of } A$$

$$P(\Omega) = \text{Area of } \Omega = 1$$

$$P(A) = 1/2$$

B is the event that the sum of x and y coordinate is less than or equal to 1

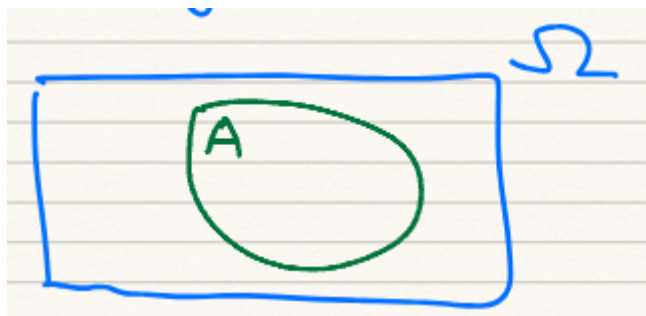
$$B = \{(x, y) \in \Omega : x + y \leq 1\}$$

$$P(B) = \text{Area of } B = 1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/8$$

Week 1 Session 2

Random Experiment & Probability Model

- Outcome space / Sample Space Ω
- An event is a subset of Ω
- If the realized outcome of experiment lies in A , we say event A has occurred.



Event Space / Sigma algebra \mathcal{F}

Properties of \mathcal{F} :

1. Ω is in \mathcal{F}
 2. If A is in \mathcal{F} , then A^c is in \mathcal{F}
 3. (a) If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are in \mathcal{F} , then:
 $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ is in \mathcal{F} and $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$ is in \mathcal{F}
 (b) If A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots is an infinite sequence of events that are in \mathcal{F} , then:
 $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ is in \mathcal{F} and $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ is in \mathcal{F}
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Probability Law

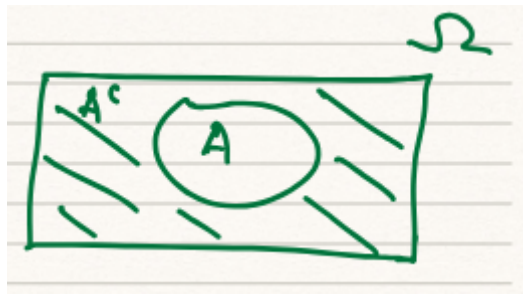
For each event A in \mathcal{F} , $P(A)$ is a real number.

Probability Axioms

1. $P(\Omega) = 1$
 2. $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$
 3. (a) If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are pairwise disjoint events, then:
 $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$
 (b) If A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots is an infinite sequence of pairwise disjoint events, then:
 $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$
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Deduction from Axioms

1. $P(A) + P(A^c) = 1$



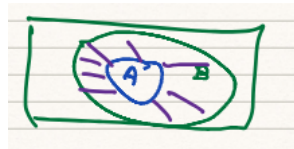
Proof:

$$1 = P(\Omega)$$

$$= P(A \cup A^c)$$

$$= P(A) + P(A^c)$$

2. If $A \subset B$, then $P(A) \leq P(B)$



Proof:

$$B = A \cup C$$

$$P(B) = P(A \cup C)$$

$$= P(A) + P(C)$$

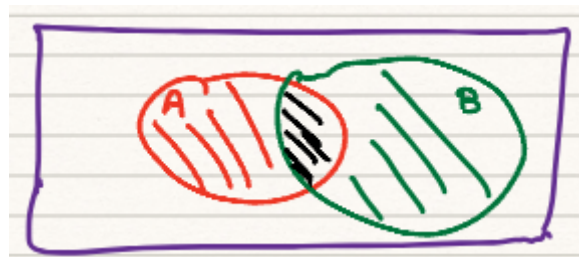
$$\rightarrow P(B) \geq P(A)$$

$$C = B \cap A^c$$

3. Union Formula

For any 2 events A and B

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$



$$A \cap B$$

$$A \cap B^c$$

$$B \cap A^c$$

Proof:

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B^c) + P(A \cap B) \quad (1)$$

$$P(B) = P(B \cap A^c) + P(A \cap B) \quad (2)$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A \cap B^c) + P(A \cap B) + P(B \cap A^c)$$

$$= P(A) + P(B \cap A^c) \text{ ① is applied}$$

$$= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \text{ ② is applied}$$

$$4. P(\phi) = 0$$

Proof:

$$P(\phi) + P(\phi^c) = 1$$

$$P(\phi) + P(\Omega) = 1$$

$$P(\phi) + 1 = 1$$

$$P(\phi) = 0$$

Exercise 1.

$$A_1, A_2, A_3$$

$$P(A_1) = a_1, P(A_2) = a_2, P(A_3) = a_3$$

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2) = b_1, P(A_2 \cap A_3) = b_2, P(A_3 \cap A_1) = b_3$$

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) = c$$

What is the value of $P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3)$?

$$B = A_2 \cup A_3$$

$$P(A_1 \cup B) = P(A_1) + P(B) - P(A_1 \cap B)$$

$$= P(A_1) + P(A_2 \cup A_3) - P(A_1 \cap (A_2 \cup A_3))$$

Exercise, show that:

$$A_1 \cap (A_2 \cup A_3) = (A_1 \cap A_2) \cup (A_1 \cap A_3)$$

Union Bound

Theorem:

A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are n events ($n \geq 2$)

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$$

Proof: Induction argument

$$n = 2$$

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cap A_2) \leq P(A_1) + P(A_2)$$

Assume that the theorem is true for $n = k$

$$\text{i.e., } P(\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k P(A_i)$$

Then in the $k + 1$ case, where

$$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k, A_{k+1}$$

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{k+1} A_i) = P((\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i) \cup A_{k+1}) \leq P(\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i) + P(A_{k+1})$$

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{k+1} A_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k P(A_i) + P(A_{k+1})$$

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{k+1} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} P(A_i)$$

Cardinality of sets

Finite sets

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

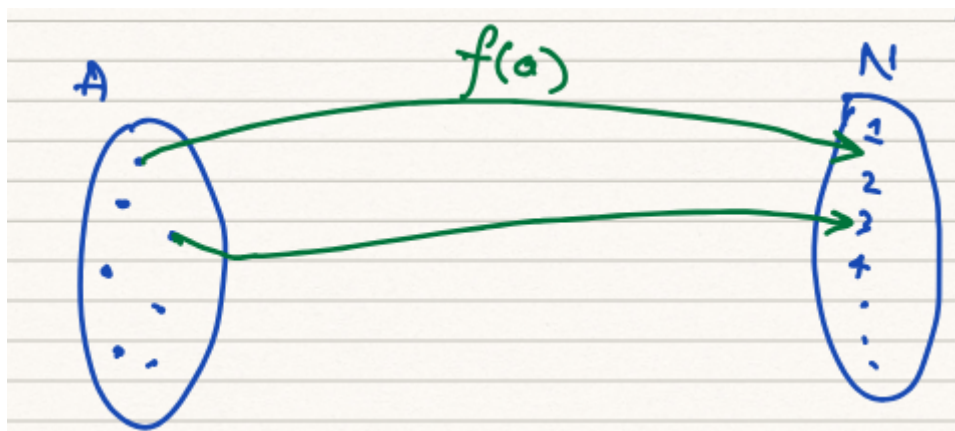
$$\Omega = \{a, b, c, \dots, z\}$$

Infinite sets

Countably infinite sets

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

A set A that is "as large" as \mathbb{N} is called a countably infinite set.



Formally, A is countably infinite if we can find a function f from A to \mathbb{N} , such that

(i) f is a one-to-one function

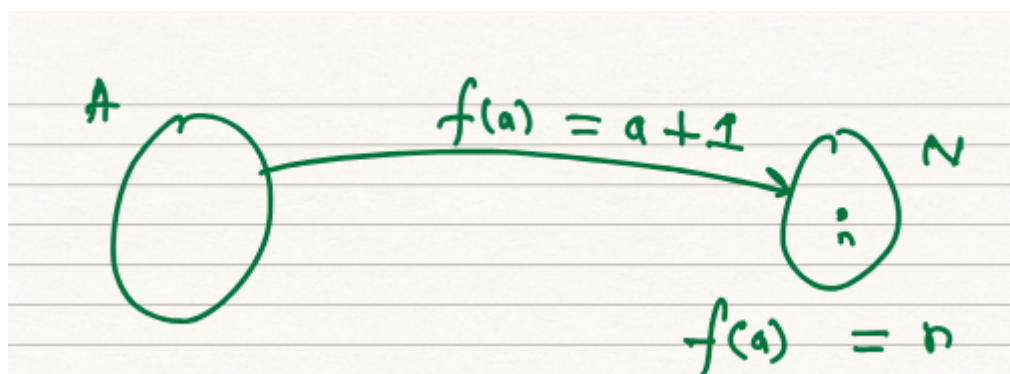
i.e., if $a \neq b$, then $f(a) \neq f(b)$

(ii) for every positive integer n , there is an $a \in A$ such that $f(a) = n$

Example 1

$$A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$



$$f(a) = a + 1 = n$$

$$a = n - 1$$

Therefore, A is countably infinite

Example2

$$B = \{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}$$

$$N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$f(b) = b/2 = n$$

$$b = 2n$$

Example3

$$C = \{2, 4, 8, 16, 32, \dots\}$$

$$f(c) = \log_2 c = n$$

$$c = 2^n$$

Example4

$$\{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$$

$$\{\dots, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

are countably infinite sets

Uncountably infinite sets

Much larger sets of positive integers

e.g., $[0, 1]$, $[0, \infty]$, $(-\infty, \infty)$

$[0, 1]$

There is no way of finding a one-to-one association(correspondence) between $[0, 1]$ and N



Example 5



$$A_1 \subset A_2$$

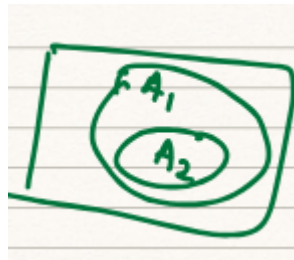
$$P(A_1 \cup A_2) = P(A_2)$$

$$A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots \subset A_k$$

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i) = P(A_k)$$

$$A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots \subset A_k \subset A_{k+1} \dots$$

$$P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P(A_k)$$



$$A_1 \supset A_2$$

$$P(A_1 \supset A_2) = P(A_2)$$

$$A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \dots \supset A_k$$

$$P(\bigcap_{i=1}^k A_i) = P(A_k)$$

$$A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \dots \supset A_k \supset A_{k+1} \dots$$

$$P(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P(A_k)$$

Example 6

$$\Omega = [0, 1]$$

$$P(\text{interval}) = \text{length of interval}$$

$$A_1 = [0, 1]$$

$$A_2 = [0, 1/2]$$

$$A_3 = [0, 1/3]$$

...

$$A_k = [0, 1/k]$$

$$A_1 \supset A_2 \supset A_3 \supset \dots$$

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) = P(A_3) = 1/3$$

$$P(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P(A_k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1/k = 0$$

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \{0\} = [0, 0]$$

$$P([0, 0]) = 0$$

Finite outcome space

$$\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n\}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \text{power set of } \Omega$$

$$P(\omega_1) = p_1, P(\omega_2) = p_2, \dots, P(\omega_n) = p_n$$

$$P(\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3\}) = P(\{\omega_1\} \cup \{\omega_2\} \cup \{\omega_3\})$$

$$= P\{\omega_1\} + P\{\omega_2\} + P\{\omega_3\}$$

$$= p_1 + p_2 + p_3$$

$$p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n = 1$$

$$1 = P(\Omega) = P(\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n\})$$

Special case:

$$\Omega = \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n\}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \text{Power set}$$

$$P(\omega_i) = p \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ Equally likely outcomes}$$

$$1 = p + p + \dots + p$$

$$1 = np$$

$$p = 1/n$$

$$P(\{\omega_2, \omega_4, \omega_6\}) = P(\{\omega_2\}) + P(\{\omega_4\}) + P(\{\omega_6\})$$

$$= 3/n$$

$$A = \{\omega_{k1}, \dots, \omega_{km}\}$$

$$P(A) = m/n$$

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{n}$$

If Ω is countably infinite,

$$\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots\}$$

we will usually work with power set on our event space

Example 6

$$\Omega = [0, 1]$$

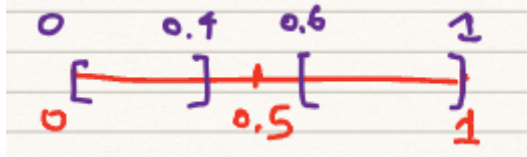
Borel Sigma algebra: all sub-interval, union, intersections, compliments

$$P(\text{sub-interval of } [0, 1]) = \text{length of sub-interval}$$

$$0 \leq a \leq b \leq 1$$

$$P([a, b]) = b - a$$

$$A = \{\omega \in [0, 1] : |\omega - 0.5| \geq 0.1\}$$



$$P(A) = 0.8$$

$$A = [0, 0.4] \cup [0.6, 1]$$

$$P(A) = 0.4 + 0.4 = 0.8$$

Exercise

$$B = \{\omega \in [0, 1] : (\omega - 1/2)^2 \geq 1/4\}$$

$$P(B) = ?$$

$$P([0, 1]) = 1$$

$$P([0, 1]) = P(\bigcup_{0 \leq \omega \leq 1} \omega)$$

$$= \sum_{0 \leq \omega \leq 1} P(\omega)$$

$$\neq \sum_{0 \leq \omega \leq 1} P([\omega, \omega])$$

$$\neq 0$$

Conditional Probability

Roll a fair die

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

\mathcal{F} = Power set

Equally likely outcomes

$$P(k) = 1/6, 1 \leq k \leq 6$$

$$B = \{2, 4, 6\}$$

$$A = \{2\}$$

Given that B has occurred, the new probability for event $A = 1/3$

$$C = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

Given that B has occurred, what is the revised probability for event C ?

$$1/3$$

$$\text{New prob of } A = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|B|}$$

$$\text{New prob of } C = \frac{|C \cap B|}{|B|}$$

Definition:

If A and B are 2 events, and $P(B) > 0$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(B|B) = 1$$

$$P(B^c|B) = 0$$

$$P(\Omega|B) = \frac{P(\Omega \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B)}{P(B)} = 1$$

Week 2 Session 1

Deductions from Axioms

1. $P(A) + P(A^c) = 1$
2. $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$
3. If $A \subset B$, then $P(A) \leq P(B)$

Finite outcome space

$$\Omega = \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n\}$$

Typically, \mathcal{F} = Power set of ω

$$P(\{\omega_1\}) = p_1, \dots, P(\{\omega_n\}) = p_n$$

Special case: Finite ω with equally likely outcome

$$P(\{\omega_i\}) = \frac{1}{n}, n = |\Omega|$$

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{n}$$

Conditional Probabilities

Definition: If A and B are 2 events, and $P(B) > 0$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

Example

4 sided die, roll it twice

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \{(x, y) : x, y \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}\} \\ &= \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), \dots (4, 4), \}\end{aligned}$$

Equally likely outcome $P(\{x, y\}) = \frac{1}{16}$

$$E = \{\text{Both number are less than 3}\} = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)\}$$

$$F = \{\text{Both numbers are 1}\} = \{(1, 1)\}$$

$$P(F|E) = \frac{P(F \cap E)}{P(E)}$$

$$P(E) = \frac{4}{16}$$

$$P(F \cap E) = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$P(F|E) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(E|F) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)}$$

$$P(E|F) = \frac{1/16}{1/16} = 1$$

$$B = \{\text{minimum of 2 number is 2}\} = \{(2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (2, 4), (4, 2)\}$$

$$A = \{\text{maximum of 2 number is 3}\} = \{(3, 3), (3, 1), (1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 2)\}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{2/16}{5/16} = 2/5$$

$$C = \{\text{maximum of 2 number is 1}\}$$

$$P(C|B) = \frac{P(C \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(\emptyset)}{P(B)} = 0$$

Probability Axioms

1. $P(\Omega) = 1$
 2. $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$
 3. Additivity axiom
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Fix event B with $P(B) > 0$. Consider conditional probability of various event given B . These new probability will satisfy probability axioms.

$$1. P(\Omega|B) = \frac{P(\Omega \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B)}{P(B)} = 1$$

$$2. 0 \leq P(A|B) \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \leq 1$$

3. If A_1 and A_2 are disjoint events

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2|B) = \frac{P((A_1 \cup A_2) \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{P((A_1 \cap B) \cup (A_2 \cap B))}{P(B)} \\
&= \frac{P(A_1 \cap B) + P(A_2 \cap B)}{P(B)} \\
&= P(A_1|B) + P(A_2|B)
\end{aligned}$$

Deduction from Axioms

1. $P(A|B) + P(A^c|B) = 1$
 2. $P(A \cup C|B) = P(A|B) + P(C|B) - P(A \cap C|B)$
 3. If $A \subset C$, then $P(A|B) \leq P(C|B)$
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Chain Rule / Multiplication Rule

If $P(B) > 0$, then $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B) \text{ - Chain Rule}$$

If $P(A) > 0$, then $P(B|A) = \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)}$

$$P(B \cap A) = P(B|A)P(A)$$

$$P(B) > 0, P(B^c) > 0$$

$$P(A|B), P(A|B^c)$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)$$

$$P(A \cap B^c) = P(A|B^c)P(B^c)$$

Law of total probability

$$P(A) = P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|B^c)P(B^c)$$

Partition

Partition of Ω

B_1, \dots, B_n forms a partition of Ω

if $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$ (pairwise disjoint) and $\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i = \Omega$

$P(B_i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$

$P(A|B_i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$

$$P(A) = P(A \cap \Omega)$$

$$= P(A \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i))$$

$$= P((A \cap B_1) \cup \dots (A \cap B_n))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A \cap B_i)$$

Law of total probability

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$

Example

Say a sender and receiver with transmission route 1 and 2

$P(R1) = 3/4, P(D|R1) = 1/3, P(R2) = 1/4, P(D|R2) = 2/3$ where D is the packet get dropped

$$\begin{aligned} P(D) &= P(D \cap R1) + P(D \cap R2) \\ &= P(D|R1)P(R1) + P(D|R2)P(R2) \\ &= 1/3 \cdot 3/4 + 2/3 \cdot 1/4 = 5/12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Packet not getting dropped}|R1) &= P(D^c|R1) \\ &= 1 - P(D|R1) \\ &= 2/3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(R1|D) &= \frac{P(R1 \cap D)}{P(D)} \\ &= \frac{P(D|R1)P(R1)}{5/12} \end{aligned}$$

Bayes' Rule

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &> 0, P(B) > 0 \\ P(B|A) &= \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(R1|D^c) &= \frac{P(D^c|R1)P(R1)}{P(D^c)} \\ &= \frac{(1-P(D|R1)) \cdot 3/4}{1-P(D)} \neq P(R1) \end{aligned}$$

This it because $P(R1|D^c)$ is the posterior probability and $P(R1)$ is the prior probability.

Law of total probability + Bayes' Rule

Partition of $\Omega : B_1, \dots B_n$

$$B_i \cap B_j = \phi$$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i = \Omega$$

Given $P(B_i), P(A|B_i)$

$$P(B_i|A) = \frac{P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}{P(A)}$$

Bayes' Rule:

$$P(B_i|A) = \frac{P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}$$

Example

Binary communication channel

$$P(S0) = 1 - \alpha, P(S1) = \alpha$$

$$P(R0|S0) = 1 - q, P(R1|S0) = q$$

$$P(R0|S1) = p, P(R1|S1) = 1 - p$$

$$P(R1) = P(R1 \cap S1) + P(R1 \cap S0)$$

$$= P(R1|S1)P(S1) + P(R1|S0)P(S0)$$

$$= (1 - p)\alpha + q(1 - \alpha)$$

$$P(S1|R1) = \frac{P(R1|S1)P(S1)}{P(R1)}$$

$$= \frac{(1-p)\alpha}{(1-p)\alpha + q(1-\alpha)}$$

Chain Rule

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)$$

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A|(B \cap C))P(B \cap C)$$

$$= P(A|(B \cap C))P(B|C)P(C)$$

$$P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = P(A_1|A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n)P(A_2|A_3 \dots \cap A_n) \dots P(A_{n-1}|A_n)P(A_n)$$

Example

Two urns

Urn 1: 5 red balls and 5 green balls

Urn 2: 2 red balls and 4 green balls

Randomly pick one ball from the selected urn and remove it

Randomly pick 2^{nd} ball from the same urn

$$U1 = \{\text{Urn 1 is selected}\}, P(U1) = 2/3$$

$$U2 = \{\text{Urn 2 is selected}\}, P(U2) = 1/3$$

$$R1 = \{\text{first ball is red}\}$$

$$R2 = \{\text{second ball is red}\}$$

$$P(R1 \cap R2) = P(R1 \cap R2 \cap U1) + P(R1 \cap R2 \cap U2)$$

$$P(R2 \cap R1 \cap U1) = P(R2|R1 \cap U1)P(R1|U1)P(U1)$$

$$= 4/9 \cdot 5/10 \cdot 2/3$$

$$P(R2 \cap R1 \cap U2) = P(R2|R1 \cap U2)P(R1|U2)P(U2)$$

$$= 1/5 \cdot 2/6 \cdot 1/3$$

$$P(U1|R1 \cap R2) = \frac{P(R1 \cap R2|U1)P(U1)}{P(R1 \cap R2)}$$

$$= \frac{4/9 \cdot 5/10 \cdot 2/3}{P(R1 \cap R2)}$$

Week 2 Session 2

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \text{ if } P(B) > 0$$

Chain Rule:

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)$$

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A|B \cap C)P(B|C)P(C)$$

Law of total probability:

If B_1, \dots, B_n is a partition of Ω

Then $P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A \cap B_i)$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$

Can be extended to a countable partition, i.e., B_1, B_2, \dots

that are pairwise disjoint and $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i = \Omega$

Then, $P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A \cap B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$

Bayes' Rule

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A)}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)$$

Statement: $P(A \cap B|C) = P(A|B \cap C)P(B|C)$

$$\text{LHS: } P(A \cap B|C) = \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(C)}$$

$$\text{RHS: } P(A|B \cap C)P(B|C) = \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(B \cap C)} \frac{P(B \cap C)}{P(C)}$$

Two urns example

$$P(R2 \cap R1|U1)P(U1)$$

$$= P(R2|R1 \cap U1)P(R1|U1)P(U1)$$

$$P(A \cap B) \sim \frac{\text{number of}(A \cap B)}{n} \text{ relative frequency}$$

$$P(B) \sim \frac{\text{number of } B}{n}$$

$$P(A|B) \sim \frac{\text{number of } (A \cap B)}{\text{number of } B}$$

Independent Events

Definition: Two events A and B are independent if $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$

Let A and B be independent events and $P(B) > 0$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A)P(B)}{P(B)} = P(A)$$

$$P(B^c) > 0$$

$$P(A|B^c) = \frac{P(A \cap B^c)}{P(B^c)} = \frac{P(A) - P(A \cap B)}{1 - P(B)} = \frac{P(A) - P(A)P(B)}{1 - P(B)} = P(A)$$

Independence \neq Disjoint events

$$C \cap D = \phi, P(C), P(D) > 0$$

Are C and D independent?

$$P(C \cap D) = P(\phi) = 0$$

$$P(C)P(D) > 0$$

$$P(C \cap D) \neq P(C)P(D)$$

C and D are not independent

$$P(C|D) = 0$$

Lemma 1

If A and B are independent events, then so are the following events:

(a) A and B^c

$$P(A \cap B^c) = P(A)P(B^c)$$

(b) A^c and B are independent

(c) A^c and B^c are independent

Proof:

$$(a) P(A \cap B^c) = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$= P(A) - P(A)P(B)$$

$$= P(A)(1 - P(B))$$

$$= P(A)P(B^c)$$

(b) A^c and B

(c) A^c and B^c

Using property: $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

$$P(A^c \cap B^c) = 1 - P(A \cup B)$$

$$= 1 - P(A) - P(B) + P(A \cap B)$$

$$= 1 - P(A) - P(B) - P(A)P(B)$$

$$= (1 - P(A))(1 - P(B))$$

$$= P(A^c)P(B^c)$$

Example

4 sided die, $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Equally likely outcomes

$$A = \{1, 4\}, B = \{2, 4\}$$

$$P(A) = 1/2, P(B) = 1/2$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 1/4$$

Example

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$P(\{1\}) = P(\{2\}) = P(\{3\}) = p$$

$$A = \{1, 4\}, B = \{2, 4\}$$

$$P(A) = 1 - 2p$$

$$P(B) = 1 - 2p$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(\{4\}) = 1 - 3p$$

$$A \text{ and } B \text{ are independent if } 1 - 3p = (1 - 2p)^2$$

Independence of 3 events

Def: A, B, C are independent (mutually independent) if

$$1. P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A)P(B)P(C)$$

$$2. P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

$$3. P(B \cap C) = P(B)P(C)$$

$$4. P(C \cap A) = P(C)P(A)$$

$$P(A \cap B|C) = \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(C)} = \frac{P(A)P(B)P(C)}{P(C)} = P(A)P(B) = P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(A|C) = P(A)$$

$$P(A \cup B|C) = \frac{P((A \cup B) \cap C)}{P(C)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{P((A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C))}{P(C)} \\
&= \frac{P(A \cap C) + P(B \cap C) - P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(C)} \\
&= \frac{P(A)P(C) + P(B)P(C) - P(A)P(B)P(C)}{P(C)} \\
&= P(A) + P(B) - P(A)P(B) \\
&= P(A \cup B) \\
P(A \cup C) &= P(A|C) + P(B|C) - P(A \cap B|C) \\
&= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\
&= P(A \cup B)
\end{aligned}$$

Pairwise independence

A, B, C are pairwise independent if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

$$P(B \cap C) = P(B)P(C)$$

$$P(C \cap A) = P(C)P(A)$$

Example

4 sided die equally likely outcomes $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$A = \{1, 4\}, B = \{2, 4\}, C = \{3, 4\}$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 1/4, P(A) = 1/2, P(B) = 1/2$$

A, B, C are pairwise independent

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = 1/4$$

$$P(A)P(B)P(C) = 1/8$$

$P(A \cap B \cap C) \neq P(A)P(B)P(C)$ meaning A, B, C are not independent

$$P(A \cap B|C) = \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(C)} = \frac{1/4}{1/2} = 1/2$$

Lemma 2

A, B, C are independent then

(a) A^c, B, C are independent

Proof:

$$P(A^c \cap B) = P(A^c)P(B)$$

$$P(A^c \cap C) = P(A^c)P(C)$$

$$P(B \cap C) = P(B)P(C)$$

$$P(A^c \cap B \cap C) = P(B \cap C) - P(B \cap C \cap A)$$

$$= P(B)P(C) - P(B)P(C)P(A)$$

$$= (1 - P(A))P(B)P(C)$$

$$= P(A^c)P(B)P(C)$$

(b) A^c, B^c, C are independent

$$E = A^c$$

From Part (a) E, B, C are independent

$$\implies E, B^c, C \text{ are independent}$$

$$\implies A^c, B^c, C \text{ are independent}$$

(c) A^c, B^c, C^c are independent

$$E = A^c, F = B^c$$

From Part (b)

$$\implies E, F, C \text{ are independent}$$

using Part (a)

$$\implies E, F, C^c \text{ are independent}$$

$$\implies A^c, B^c, C^c \text{ are independent re}$$

Example

3 bits are transmitted over a noisy channel

For each bit, the probability of correct reception is λ

$$P(C_i) = \lambda, P(E_i) = 1 - \lambda$$

The error events for the 3 bits are mutually independent

$$E_i = \{\text{bit } i \text{ incorrectly received}\}$$

$$E_1, E_2, E_3 \text{ are independent}$$

$$C_i = \{\text{bit } i \text{ correctly received}\}$$

$$C_1, C_2, C_3 \text{ are independent}$$

$$C_1, C_2, E_3 \text{ are independent}$$

Example

Find the probability that the number of correctly received bits is 2

$$S = \{\text{Number of correct bits is 2}\}$$

$$(C_1 \cap C_2 \cap E_3) \cup (C_1 \cap E_2 \cap C_3) \cup (E_1 \cap C_2 \cap C_3)$$

$$\text{say } F_1 = C_1 \cap C_2 \cap E_3, F_2 = C_1 \cap E_2 \cap C_3, F_3 = E_1 \cap C_2 \cap C_3$$

$$S = F_1 \cup F_2 \cup F_3$$

$$P(S) = P(F_1) + P(F_2) + P(F_3)$$

because F_1, F_2, F_3 are pairwise disjoint

$$P(C_1 \cap C_2 \cap E_3) = \lambda\lambda(1 - \lambda)$$

$$P(S) = 3\lambda^2(1 - \lambda)$$

Probability that all bits are correctly received:

$$= P(C_1 \cap C_2 \cap C_3) = \lambda^3$$

Probability that at least 2 bits are correctly received:

$$= \lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2(1 - \lambda)$$

Finite Ω and equally likely outcomes

$$P(\{\omega\}) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|}, \text{ } |\Omega| \text{ is the cardinality of } \Omega$$

$$P(A) = \sum_{\omega \in A} P(\{\omega\}) = \sum_{\omega \in A} \frac{1}{|\Omega|} = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}$$

Example

Antenna array consists of n antennas

Arrange n antennas in a straight line

m out of the n antennas are defective

All arrangement of n antennas are equally likely

The array will not work if 2 defective antennas are next to each other

Probability of the array that does not work?

$$n = 4, m = 2$$

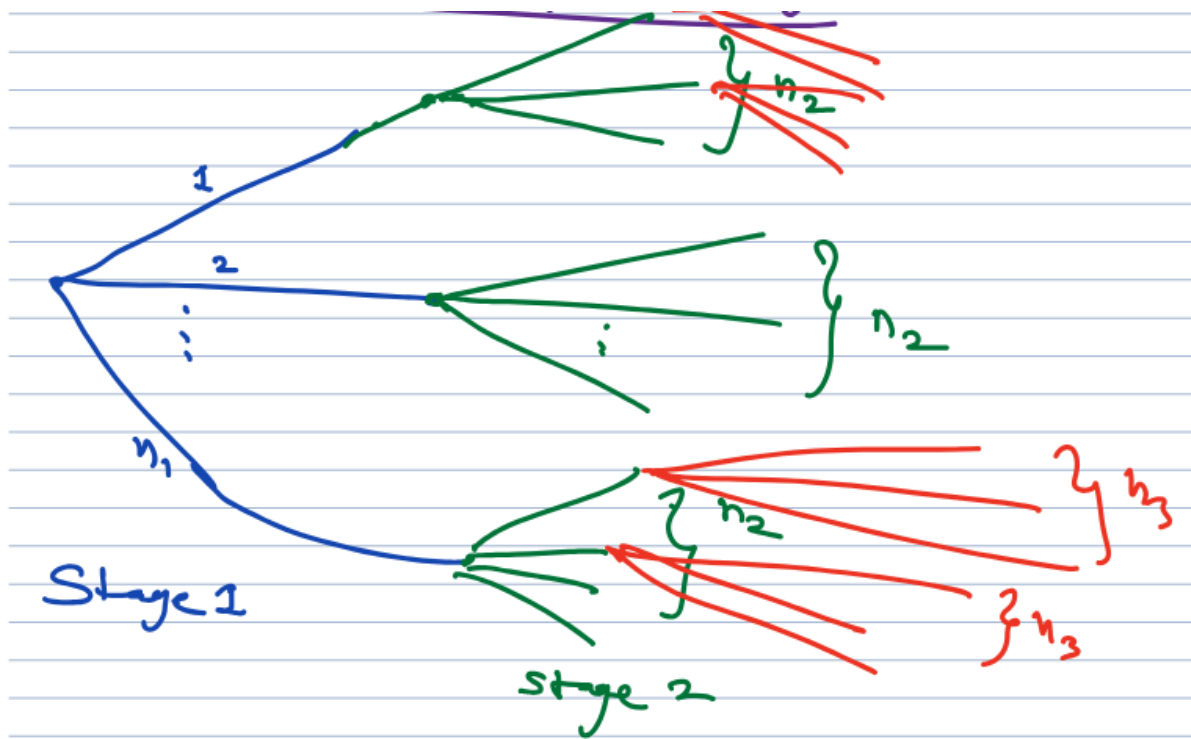
$$A = \{DDNN, NNDD, NDDN, NDND, DNDN, DNND\}$$

$$P(\text{Array not work}) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{3}{6}$$

$$n = 12, m = 4$$

Systematic / Efficient way of counting number of elements in a set without listing all elements \rightarrow
Combinatorics

Basis principle of counting



$n_1 n_2$ ways of doing this procedure

Example

4 digit passcode

$$10^4$$

Example

7 character license plate where first 3 characters are letter other 4 are digits

$$26 \cdot 26 \cdot 26 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10$$

Repetition of letter or digits is not allowed

$$26 \cdot 25 \cdot 24 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7$$

Week 3 Session 1

Independent events

Definition: Two events A and B are independent if $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$

Independence $\implies P(A|B) = P(A|B^c) = P(A)$

Independence of 3 events

Def: A, B, C are independent (mutually independent) if

1. $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A)P(B)P(C)$
2. $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$

$$3. P(B \cap C) = P(B)P(C)$$

$$4. P(C \cap A) = P(C)P(A)$$

Independence of multiple events

Definition: A_1, \dots, A_n are (mutually) independent if

$$P(\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) = \prod_{i \in I} P(A_i)$$

for every non-empty $I \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Definition: A_1, A_2, \dots are (mutually) independent if

$$P(\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) = \prod_{i \in I} P(A_i)$$

for every non-empty and finite $I \subset \{1, 2, \dots\}$

Finite Ω and equally like outcomes

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}$$

Basic principle of Counting

Total number of ways of doing 2-stage procedure is $n_1 n_2$

Permutations

Definition: Any arrangement of elements of S in a sequence

$$S = \{I_1, \dots, I_n\}$$

How many permutation of S are possible?

Imagine have n slots,

$$n \cdot (n-1) \cdot \dots \cdot 1 = n!$$

Example

4 digit passcode using all of these digits 2,4,6,8

number of passcodes=number of permutations= $4!$

$$S = \{I_1, \dots, I_n\}$$

Sampling an ordered k-tuple with repetitions allowed

$$k=2, (I_1 I_2) \neq (I_2 I_1), (I_1 I_1) \neq (I_1 I_1)$$

How many ordered pairs are possible?

$$n^2$$

Ordered k -tuple

n^k ordered k -tuple

Example

Flipping a coin k times. How many sequence of H, T are possible?

k -tuple: 2^k

Sampling ordered k -tuple without repetitions $1 \leq k \leq n$

$$S = \{I_1, \dots, I_n\}$$

Within k slots, then $n \cdot (n - 1) \cdot \dots \cdot (n - k + 1)$

Number of ordered k -tuple without repetition

$$n \cdot (n - 1) \cdot \dots \cdot (n - k + 1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

Example

n people in a department.

Need to form a committee consisting of a chair, a vice chair and a secretary

Same person cannot serve in more than 1 role

How many such committees are possible?

$$n(n - 1)(n - 2) = \frac{n!}{(n-3)!}$$

Example: Birthday problem

k people, $1 \leq k \leq 365$

All were born in non-leap year

a) How many birthday sequences are possible?

(d_1, \dots, d_k) where every slot has 365 possibilities

$$365^k$$

b) How many birthday sequences are possible without repetition?

$$\frac{365!}{(365-k)!} = 365 \cdot 364 \cdot \dots \cdot (365 - k + 1)$$

c) Assume that all birthday sequence are equally likely?

Probability that the group of k -people have distinct birthdays

$$\frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{\frac{365!}{(365-k)!}}{365^k}$$

d) Probability that at least 2 people in this k -people group have the same birthday?

$$P(B) = 1 - P(\text{everyone has a different birthday})$$

$$= 1 - \frac{\frac{365!}{(365-k)!}}{365^k}$$

Selecting a subset with k elements, $1 \leq k \leq n$

- Order is not important
- No repetitions
- A subset of k elements is called a "combination" with k -elements

Say $S = \{I_1, I_2, I_3\}$ has a subset of size 2

$\{I_1, I_2\}, \{I_1, I_3\}, \{I_3, I_2\}$ all 3 possibilities

With n elements in S

number of k element subsets nC_k

$nC_k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} = \binom{n}{k}$ where $\frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}$ is the binomial coefficient

number of subset of 0 elements=1

$k = 0$

$$\binom{n}{0} = \frac{n!}{n!0!} = 1$$

for $k \geq n + 1$

$$nC_k = 0$$

Why is the number of subsets of S with k -elements $= \binom{n}{k}$

Task: Select an order k -tuple from S without repetitions

$$n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

Indirect method for task

Stage1:

Pick a subset of k elements (without considering order)

$$nC_k$$

Stage2:

Pick a permutation for the k -element subset chosen in stage1

$$k!$$

$$nC_k k! = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

$$nC_k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}$$

Example

a) 20 people in an organization need a committee of 3 people

$$\text{number of possible committees} = \binom{20}{3} = \frac{20!}{3!17!}$$

b) 12 people - 5 women and 7 men

Need to form a committee with 2 women and 3 men

$$\text{number of possible committees} = \binom{5}{2} \binom{7}{3}$$

c) 7 people

Committee of 3 people

Two of 7 people - Person 1 and Person 2 refuse to serve together

$$\text{number of possible committees} = \binom{7}{3} - \binom{5}{1}$$

Method 2: $S = P_1, \dots, P_7$

$$\text{Committees with } P_1 \text{ but not } P_2 = \binom{5}{2}$$

$$\text{Committees with } P_2 \text{ but not } P_1 = \binom{5}{2}$$

$$\text{Committees with neither } P_1 \text{ or } P_2 = \binom{5}{3}$$

$$\binom{5}{2} + \binom{5}{2} + \binom{5}{3} = 30$$

Example

50 items: 10 of items are defective, 40 are functional

Randomly pick 10 items

Probability that exactly 5 of selected items are defective

$$\frac{\binom{10}{5} \binom{40}{5}}{\binom{50}{10}}$$

Example

32 bit binary number. How many such numbers have exactly 5 zeros

$$\binom{32}{5}$$

A computer randomly generate a 32 bit binary number.

Probability that the number generated has exactly 5 zeros.

$$\frac{\binom{32}{5}}{2^{32}}$$

Example

n antennas, m defective, $n - m$ functional, $1 \leq m \leq n$

n antennas are arranged in a row

a) How many ways can I arrange m defective (0) and $(n - m)$ functional (1) antennas?

say $n = 4, m = 2$

$$\binom{4}{2} = \frac{4!}{2!2!} = 6$$

n - bit binary number with m 0 and $n - m$ 1

$$\binom{n}{m}$$

b) How many arrangement where no 2 defective antennas are adjacent to each other?

n bits where no 2 zeros are adjacent

m zeros and $n - m$ ones

say $m = 2$ then $n - 2$ ones simply

$$\binom{n-1}{2}$$

${}^{n-m+1}C_m$ number of valid arrangement

If $m \leq n - m + 1$

$${}^{n-m+1}C_m = \binom{n-m+1}{m}$$

If $m > n - m + 1$

$${}^{n-m+1}C_m = 0$$

c) Antenna system works as long as no two defective antennas are next to each other

$$P(\text{Antenna system works}) = \frac{{}^{n-m+1}C_m}{\binom{n}{m}}$$

Example

$$S = (I_1, \dots, I_n)$$

Divide S into groups: Group 1 with k_1 items, Group with k_2 items

where $k_1 + k_2 = n, 1 \leq k_1 \leq n, 1 \leq k_2 \leq n$

How many such division of S are possible?

$$\binom{n}{k_1} \binom{n-k_1}{k_2} = \binom{n}{k_1} \binom{k_2}{k_2} = \binom{n}{k_1}$$

Problem:

Divide S into r groups

Group 1: k_1 items

...

Group r : k_r items

where $k_1 + \dots + k_r = n$

How many such divisions are possible?

$$\begin{aligned} & \binom{n}{k_1} \binom{n-k_1}{k_2} \dots \binom{n-k_1-k_2-\dots-k_{r-1}}{k_r} \\ &= \frac{n!}{k_1!(n-k_1)!} \frac{(n-k_1)!}{k_2!(n-k_1-k_2)!} \dots \\ &= \frac{n!}{k_1!k_2!\dots k_r!} \end{aligned}$$

Multinomial coefficient

Example

6 sided die. Roll it 12 times.

How many sequences with 10 ones, 1 two and 1 three?

12 positions

Divide 12 positions into 3 groups

G1- 10

G2- 1

G3- 1

$$\frac{12!}{10!1!1!}$$

Exercise: How many outcomes where each number appears exactly twice

Week 3 Session 2

Combinatorial Problems

$$S = I_1, \dots, I_n$$

1. Number of ordered k -tuple with repetitions allowed

$$n^k$$

2. Number of ordered k -tuples without repetition $1 \leq k \leq n$

$$\frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

3. Number of possible subsets of size k , $1 \leq k \leq n$

$$\binom{n}{k}$$

4. Partition S into r groups of sizes k_1, k_2, \dots, k_r respectively ($k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_r = n$)

Number of possible partitions

$$\frac{n!}{k_1! \dots k_r!} = \binom{n}{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_r}$$

Example: k identical items (k \$1 bills)

Divide among two people

| $P1$ | $P2$ |
|---------|---------|
| 0 | k |
| 1 | $k - 1$ |
| 2 | $k - 2$ |
| \dots | \dots |
| $k - 1$ | 1 |
| k | 0 |

Each outcome compounds to $k + 1$ bit number with exactly one 0

Number of such number = $\binom{k+1}{1}$

Divide among 3 people

Each outcome compounds to a $k + 2$ bit number with exactly two 0

$$\binom{k+2}{2}$$

Divide k identical item among n people

$\binom{n-1+k}{n-1}$ = number of possible division of k identical items among n people

$$\binom{n-1+k}{n-1} = \binom{n-1+k}{k}$$

Example

Consider the equation

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = k$$

Non-negative integer x_1, \dots, x_n that satisfy the equation above.

How many such solutions are possible?

$$\binom{n-1+k}{n-1}$$

Example

Unordered sampling with replacement

$$S = \{a, b, c\}$$

Sample this set k times with repetition allowed

Outcome is triplet (x_a, x_b, x_c)

$x_a + x_b + x_c = k$ where x_a is the number of times a was picked, x_b is the number of times b was picked, x_c is the number of times c was picked

Number of possible outcomes = $\binom{k+2}{2}$

Ordered sampling with replacement

$$S = \{a, b, c\}$$

Sample this set k times with repetition allowed

Outcome is the sequence of items selected

E.g., $aabb \dots b$

$$S = \{a, b, c\}$$

Sampling without repetition, 3 times

Number of ordered triplets = $3 \times 2 \times 1$

Picking a subset of size 3

Number of subsets = $\binom{3}{3} = 1$

$$S = \{a, b, c\}$$

Sampling with repetition, ordered k -tuple

Number of order k -tuple = 3^k

Number of such tuples with 1 a , 1 b , $k - 2$ c

$$\frac{k!}{1!1!(k-2)!}$$

Example

Roll a 6-sided die n times

Outcome is the sequence of number obtained

Number of possible outcomes = 6^n

Number of possible outcomes with k_1 ones, k_2 twos, ... k_6 sixes

$$\binom{n}{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_6}$$

Number of possible outcomes with x even numbers and $n - x$ odd numbers

Sequential experiment with independent sub-experiments

Toss a coin n times ($n = 3$)

$$\Omega = \{HHH, TTT, \dots\}$$

$$P(\{HTH\}) = P(\{\text{Heads on 1st toss}\} \{\text{Tails on 2nd toss}\} \{\text{Heads on 3rd toss}\})$$

Assume Independence

$$= P(\text{Heads on 1st toss})P(\text{Tails on 2nd toss})P(\text{Heads on 3rd toss})$$

$$= p(1 - p)p$$

$$P(\text{Heads on } k^{\text{th}} \text{ toss}) = p$$

$$P(\text{Tails on } k^{\text{th}} \text{ toss}) = 1 - p$$

Example

Roll a 4-sided die 3 times.

Rolls are independent. The die is fair.

$$\begin{aligned} &P((\text{Even number of 1st roll}) \cap (\text{Even number of 2nd roll}) \cap (4 \text{ on 3rd roll})) \\ &= P((\text{Even number of 1st roll})P(\text{Even number of 2nd roll})P(4 \text{ on 3rd roll})) \\ &= 1/2 \cdot 1/2 \cdot 1/4 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose we have a sequential experiment with n independent sub-experiments

This means that if we consider any n events A_1, \dots, A_n

where A_i occurrence depends only on the outcomes of i th sub-experiments

Then, A_1, \dots, A_n are independent

Example

Coin toss n times

Each toss is H with probability p and T with probability $(1 - p)$

Coin tosses are independent

$$\begin{aligned} P(HHTT \dots T) &= p \cdot p \cdot (1 - p) \dots (1 - p) \\ &= p^2(1 - p)^{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(THHT \dots T) = p^2(1 - p)^{n-2}$$

$$P(\text{a sequence of length } n \text{ with } k \text{ } H, (n - k) \text{ } T) = p^k(1 - p)^{n-k}$$

Probability that we get k heads and $n - k$ tails

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{\text{sequence with } k \text{ } H, (n-k) \text{ } T} P(\text{sequence}) \\ &= \sum_{\text{sequence with } k \text{ } H, (n-k) \text{ } T} p^k(1 - p)^{n-k} \\ &= \text{sequence with } k \text{ } H, (n-k) \text{ } T p^k(1 - p)^{n-k} \\ &= \binom{n}{k} p^k(1 - p)^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(\{\text{Getting } k \text{ heads in } n \text{ independent coin tosses}\}) = \binom{n}{k} p^k(1 - p)^{n-k}$$

$$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Binomial probability law

Example

n trials of a new drug

Each trial is a success with probability p or a failure with probability $1 - p$

Trials are independent

$$P(\{\text{Get exactly } k \text{ success in } n \text{ trials}\}) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

Example

100 bits are transmitted over a noisy channel. The transmission of each bit are independent.

Each bit is received correctly with probability λ or incorrectly with probability $1 - \lambda$

$$P(\{\text{Get } k \text{ bits correctly}\}) = \binom{100}{k} \lambda^k (1 - \lambda)^{100-k}$$

Example

A coin is tossed infinitely many times. Coin tosses are independent

For each toss, $H \rightarrow p, T \rightarrow 1 - p, 0 \leq p \leq 1$

Probability that the first H appears on the m^{th} toss

| | |
|---------|-------------------|
| $m = 1$ | p |
| $m = 2$ | $(1 - p) \cdot p$ |

Probability that first H on m^{th} toss

$$= P(\{TT \dots TH\}) = (1 - p)^{m-1} p \text{ where } m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Exercise: Probability that it takes more than m tosses to get the first H

$$P(\{\text{first } H \text{ on } m + 1 \text{ toss}\} \cup \{\text{first } H \text{ on } m + 2 \text{ toss}\} \cup \{\dots\})$$

Additivity since disjoint events

$$= \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} P(\text{first } H \text{ on } k^{th} \text{ toss})$$

$$= \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} P(TT \dots H)$$

$$= \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} (1 - p)^{k-1} p$$

$$= (1 - p)^m p + (1 - p)^{m+1} p + \dots$$

$$= \frac{(1-p)^m p}{1 - (1-p)} = (1 - p)^m$$

$$P(\{TTT \dots T\}) = (1 - p)^m$$

Example

Roll a 6-sided die 7 times. Rolls are independent

Once each roll, probability of getting k , ($k = 1, 2, \dots, 6$) is p_k

$$p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_6 = 1$$

Probability of getting this sequence (1123456) = $p_1 \cdot p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot p_3 \cdot p_4 \cdot p_5 \cdot p_6$

Probability of getting (2311564) = $p_1 \cdot p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot p_3 \cdot p_4 \cdot p_5 \cdot p_6$

Probability of getting 2 ones, 1 two, 1 three, 1 four, 1 five, 1 six?

$$= \sum_{\text{sequence with 2 ones, 1 twos, ...}} P(\text{sequence})$$

$$= \{\text{Number of sequence with 2 ones, 1 twos, ...}\} \cdot p_1^2 p_2 \dots p_6$$

$$= \frac{7!}{2!1!1!1!1!1!} p_1^2 p_2 \dots p_6$$

Sequential experiment with n independent sub-experiments

On each sub-experiment, there are m possible outcomes with probability p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m

$$\sum_{i=1}^m p_i = 1$$

Probability(Outcome 1 happens k_1 times, Outcome 2 happen k_2 times, ... Outcome m happens k_m times)

$$k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_m = n$$

$$= \{\text{Number of valid sequences}\} p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_m^{k_m}$$

$$= \binom{n}{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m} p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_m^{k_m}$$

Multinomial probability Law

Random Variable

6-sided die

Roll it 3 times

Number of sequence with 1 even 2 odds

Pick 1 position for even number: $\binom{3}{1}$

Pick an even number to put in the selected position: 3

Pick 2 odd number to put in the other 2 position: 3^2

$$\binom{3}{1} \cdot 3 \cdot 3^2 = 3^4$$

6-sided die

n rolls, k even numbers, $n - k$ odd numbers

Pick k positions for the evens: $\binom{n}{k}$

Pick k even numbers: 3^k

Pick $(n - k)$ odds: 3^{n-k}

$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 3^k = \sum_{k=1}^n \text{Number of sequence with } k \text{ events} = \text{Total number of sequence}$

$$3^n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 6^n$$

$$3^n 2^n = 6^n$$

Week 4 Session 1

Suppose we have a sequential experiment with n independent sub-experiments

Consider event A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n

where A_i 's occurrence depends only on outcome of i^{th} sub-experiment

Then A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are independent

Example

Coin toss n times

Each toss is H with probability p and T with probability $(1 - p)$

Coin tosses are independent

$$P(\text{Getting } k \text{ heads in } n \text{ independent coin tosses}) = p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

$$k = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

Binomial probability law

$$A = \{\text{first } k \text{ out of } n \text{ coin tosses are } H\}$$

$$B = \{\text{There were } kH \text{ in } n \text{ coin tosses}\}$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{p^k (1-p)^{n-k}}{\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}} = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{k}}$$

$$A \cap B = HH \dots HT \dots T \text{ where there are } kH, (n - k)T$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k} = 1$$

Probabilistic way:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n P(\{\text{Getting } kH \text{ in tosses}\})$$

$$= P(\{\text{Getting } 0H\} \cap \{1H\} \dots \cap nH)$$

$$= P(\Omega) = 1$$

Algebraic way:

Binomial expansion:

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k}$$

where $a = p, b = 1 - p$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = (p + 1 - p)^n = 1$$

say $p = 1/2$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$$

Random Variables

Probability model Ω, \mathcal{F}, p

Definition: A random variable (RV) is a function from Ω to real number \mathbb{R}

$$X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Example

Coin toss $n = 2$ times with independent tosses

$$X(\omega) = \{\text{Number of } H \text{ in } \omega\}$$

Example

$$H : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$H(\omega) = \{\text{Height of selected student}\}$$

Remark

1. X is a function

Fix ω , then $X(\omega)$ is a fixed real number

2. X may be a many-to-one function

It is possible to have $X(\omega_1) = X(\omega_2)$ for some $\omega_1 \neq \omega_2$

Events in terms of RVs

$$X : \omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$A = \{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = 2\}$ is an event

$$B = \{\omega \in \Omega : 0 \leq X(\omega) \leq 2\}$$

$$C = \{\omega \in \Omega : \sin(X(\omega)) > 0\}$$

$$P(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = 2\})$$

Notation: $P(X = 2)$

$$P(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \leq 2\})$$

Notation: $P(X \leq 2)$

$P(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \in (a, b)\})$

Notation: $P(X \in (a, b)) = P(a < x < b)$

Example

n coin toss, independent toss

Probability of $H = p$

Probability of $T = 1 - p$

$X(\omega) = \text{Number of } H \text{ in } \omega$

$P(X = 0) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = 0\})$

$= P(\{TT \dots T\})$

$= (1 - p)^n$

$P(X \leq 1) = P(\{T \dots T, HT \dots T, TH \dots T, \dots\})$

$= (1 - p)^n + np(1 - p)^{n-1}$

$P(X \leq 1) = P(\{X = 0\} \cup \{X = 1\})$

$= P(X = 0) + P(X = 1)$

$= P(\text{Getting 0H}) + P(\text{Getting 1H})$

$= \binom{n}{0} p^0 (1 - p)^{n-0} + \binom{n}{1} p^1 (1 - p)^{n-1}$

$= (1 - p)^n + np(1 - p)^{n-1}$

Example

Roll a 4-sided die two times

Rolls are independent. Die is fair.

$\Omega = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), \dots, (4, 4)\}$

$z = \text{Number on the 2nd roll}$

$P(z = 1) = P(\text{Get 1 on 2nd roll}) = 1/4$

$P(\{1, 1\}) = P(1 \text{ on first})P(1 \text{ on second}) = 1/4 \cdot 1/4 = 1/16$

$P(\{(1, 1), (1, 2), \dots, (4, 4)\}) = 4 \cdot 1/16 = 1/4$

$X = \text{minimum of the numbers on the 2 roll}$

$P(X = 4) = P(\{4, 4\}) = 1/16$

$P(X = 2) = P(\{2, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 2\}, \{4, 2\}) = 5/16$

Exercise: $P(X = 3), P(X = 1)$

Discrete RVs

Range of RV X = all possible values $X(\omega)$ can take

Coin toss example X = number of H

Range of X : $S_x = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Definition: A RV X is discrete if S_x is a finite or a countably infinite set.

Example

Coin with probability $H = p, T = 1 - p$

Independent coin tosses.

Keep tossing until a H appears

N = Number of tosses until an H appears

$S_N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

N is a discrete RV

$P(N = 1) = p$

$P(N = k) = (1 - p)^{k-1}p$ where $k \geq 2$

$S_x = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

$S_x = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$

Notations: X, Y, Z to indicate RV

$P(X = x)$

x, y, z indicates real number/ values that a RV may take

Probability Mass Function (PMF)

$S_x = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

$P_X(x_i) = P(X = x_i) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = x_i\})$

1. $0 \leq P_X(x_i) \leq 1$

2. $S_x = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

$a \notin S_x$

$P(X = a) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = a\}) = P(\emptyset) = 0$

3. $P(\{X = x_1\} \cap \{X = x_2\}) = 0$

Disjoint Events

4. $P(\{X = x_1\} \cup \{X = x_2\} \cup \dots \cup \{X = x_n\}) = P(\Omega) = 1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n P(X = x_i)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n P_X(x_i)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n P_X(x_i) = 1$$

PMF add up to 1

5. $\{X = x_1\}, \{X = x_2\}, \dots, \{X = x_n\}$ form a partition of Ω

6. Let (a, b) be an interval in \mathbb{R}

$$P(X \in (a, b))$$

$$\text{Law of total probability: } \sum_{i=1}^n P(X \in (a, b) \cap X = x_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i: x_i \in (a, b)} P(X \in (a, b) \cap X = x_i) + \sum_{i: x_i \notin (a, b)} P(X \in (a, b) \cap X = x_i)$$

$$\text{where } \sum_{i: x_i \notin (a, b)} P(X \in (a, b) \cap X = x_i) = 0$$

$$= \sum_{i: x_i \in (a, b)} P(X = x_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i: x_i \in (a, b)} P_X(x_i)$$

$$\text{Therefore: } P(X \in (a, b)) = \sum_{i: x_i \in (a, b)} P_X(x_i)$$

$$P(X \in (1, 2) \cup X \in (4, 5))$$

$$= P(X \in (1, 2)) + P(X \in (4, 5))$$

$$= \sum_{x_i \in (1, 2)} P_X(x_i) + \sum_{x_i \in (4, 5)} P_X(x_i)$$

$$= \sum_{x_i \in (1, 2) \cup (4, 5)} P_X(x_i)$$

For any arbitrary subset B of the real line

$$P(X \in B) = \sum_{i: x_i \in B} P_X(x_i)$$

Example

Coin toss n times independent.

X = Number of H that appear

$$S_x = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

Binomial RV:

$$P_X(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \text{ where } 0 \leq k \leq n$$

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$$

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(10, 1/2)$$

$$P_X(k) = \binom{10}{k} \frac{1}{2^k} \frac{1}{2^{n-k}} \text{ where } 0 \leq k \leq 10$$

$$P(X \geq 9) = P_X(9) + P_X(10)$$

$$P(X < 0.8) = P_X(0)$$

$$P(|X - 5| \leq 1) = P_X(4) + P_X(5) + P_X(6)$$

Example

If $X \geq n - 1$, then I win \$100.

Otherwise if $X < n - 1$, I lose \$10

Y = my earnings, $y = g(x)$

What is the PMF of y ?

$$S_y = \{100, -10\}$$

$$P_Y(100) = P(y = 100) = P(X \geq n - 1) = P_X(n - 1) + P_X(n)$$

$$P_Y(-10) = 1 - P_Y(100) = 1 - P_X(n - 1) - P_X(n)$$

Example

Keep repeating independent coin tosses until H

N = Number of coin tosses until H

What is the PMF of N

$$S_N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

For $k \geq 1$

$$P_N(k) = P(N = k) = (1 - p)^{k-1}p$$

Geometric RV

$$X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$$

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$$

$$P_X(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

Example

Roll a fair 4-sided die.

X = Number that appears

$$S_X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$P_X(k) = P(X = K) = 1/4$$

Uniform RV

Uniform RV with range = $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ where $1 \leq k \leq m$

$$P_X(k) = 1/m$$

Uniform RV with range = $\{-m, -(m - 1), \dots, m\}$ where $-m \leq k \leq m$

$$P_X(k) = 1/(2m + 1)$$

Week 4 Session 2

Random Variable

$$X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

for each $\omega \in \Omega$, $X(\omega)$ is a real number

Events:

$$P(a < X \leq b) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega : a < X(\omega) \leq b\})$$

Discrete RV:

finite or countably infinite range S_X

$$S_x = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

$$S_x = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$$

$$S_X = \{\text{All possible values of } X(\omega) \text{ for all } \omega \in \Omega\}$$

PMF of X :

$$P(X \in B) = \sum_{i: x_i \in B} P_X(x_i)$$

$$P(a < X \leq b) = \sum_{i: a < x_i \leq b} P_X(x_i)$$

$$P(ax^3 + bx^2 + cx > 0) = \sum_{i: ax_i^3 + bx_i^2 + cx_i > 0} P_X(x_i)$$

Example

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$$

$$P_X(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \text{ where } 0 \leq k \leq n$$

$$P(X \geq 1) = \sum_{k \geq 1} P_X(k)$$

$$= \sum_{k \geq 1} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

or

$$= 1 - P(X < 1)$$

$$= 1 - P(X = 0)$$

$$= 1 - \binom{n}{0} p^0 (1-p)^{n-0}$$

$$= 1 - (1-p)^n$$

Bernoulli RV

$$S_X = \{0, 1\}$$

$$P_X(1) = p, P_X(0) = 1 - p$$

$$X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$$

Example

$$X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$X(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \omega \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } \omega \notin A \end{cases}$$

Indicator RV for event A , I_A

$$P_X(1) = P(X = 1)$$

$$= P(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = 1\})$$

$$= P(A)$$

$$P_X(0) = 1 - P_X(1) = 1 - P(A) = P(A^c)$$

Poisson RV

$$S_X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$P_X(k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Here, λ is a fixed positive number

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$$

$$P_X(k) \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} P_X(k) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = 1$$

$$P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(X < 1)$$

$$= 1 - P(X = 0)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^0}{0!}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\lambda}$$

Example

Z is a discrete RV

$$P(Z \leq 1) \leq P(Z \leq 2)$$

where $P(Z \leq 1) = 0.1$, $P(Z \leq 2) = 0.2$

$$P(Z \leq 2) = P(\{Z \leq 1\} \cup \{1 < Z \leq 2\})$$

$$= P(Z \leq 1) + P(1 < Z \leq 2)$$

$$P(1 < Z \leq 2) = 0.2$$

Expected Value of RV

Definition: X is a discrete RV

$$E[X] = \sum_{x \in S_X} x P_X(x)$$

$$S_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{x_i \in S_X} x_i P_X(x_i), \text{ finite value}$$

$$S_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i P_X(x_i)$$

It is possible that this infinite series doesn't converge. In that case, $E[X]$ is undefined.

Example

$$X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$$

$$S_X = \{0, 1\}$$

$$P_X(1) = p, P_X(0) = 1 - p$$

$$E[X] = 0 \cdot (1 - p) + 1 \cdot p = p$$

Example

$$X \sim \text{Uniform with range } S_X = \{0, 1, \dots, (M - 1)\}$$

$$P_X(k) = 1/M, 0 \leq k \leq M - 1$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} k \cdot 1/M$$

$$= 1/M \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} k$$

$$= 1/M \cdot \frac{M(0+M-1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{M-1}{2}$$

In general of PMF is symmetric about same number c

$$P_X(c + a) = P_X(c - a), \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Then } E[X] = c$$

Example

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(3, 0.5)$$

$$P_X(k) = \binom{3}{k} \frac{1}{2^k} (1/2)^{3-k}, k = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{k=0}^3 k \cdot P_X(k)$$

$$= 1 \cdot \binom{3}{1} \frac{1}{2^3} + 2 \cdot \binom{3}{2} \frac{1}{2^3} + 3 \cdot \binom{3}{3} \frac{1}{2^3} = 1.5$$

Result:

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$$

$$E[X] = np$$

Interpretation of $E[X]$

$$S_X = \{1, 2, 4\}$$

$$P_X(1) = 1/4, P_X(2) = 1/2, P_X(4) = 1/4$$

N independent repetitions of the underlying random experiment and record the value of X in each experiment

$$2, 2, 4, 1, 2, 1, 2, 4, \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Average value} &= \frac{\text{Add up all numbers}}{N} \\ &= \frac{(\text{number of times } 1) \cdot 1 + (\text{number of times } 2) \cdot 2 + (\text{number of times } 4) \cdot 4}{N} \\ &= \sum_{x \in S_X} x \cdot \frac{\text{number of times } x \text{ appears}}{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{As } N \rightarrow \infty, \text{ number of times } x \text{ appears} \rightarrow P_X(x)$$

$$\text{Empirical average} \rightarrow \sum_{x \in S_X} x \cdot P_X(x) = E[X]$$

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p), E[X] = np$$

$$P_X(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}, 0 \leq k \leq n$$

Binomial expansion

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b)^n &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k} \\ E[x] &= \sum_{k=0}^n k P_X(k) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n k \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{n!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n n \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!((n-1)-(k-1))!} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{say } j = k - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= n \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-1)!}{j!(n-1-j)!} p^{j+1} (1-p)^{(n-1)-j} \\ &= np \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{j} p^j (1-p)^{(n-1)-j} \end{aligned}$$

where $\binom{n-1}{j} p^j (1-p)^{(n-1)-j}$ is a term from Binomial $(n-1, p)$

$$= np(p + 1 - p)^{n-1}$$

$$= np$$

$$X \sim \text{Geometric}(p), p > 0$$

$$P_X(k) = (1-p)^{k-1} p, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\text{say } q = 1 - p$$

$$P_X(k) = q^{k-1}p$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kq^{k-1}p$$

$$= p \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kq^{k-1}$$

$$= p \frac{1}{(1-q)^2}$$

$$= 1/p$$

Mathematics used:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a^k = \frac{1}{1-a}, 0 < a < 1$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka^{k-1} = \frac{1}{(1-a)^2}, 0 < a < 1$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka^k = \frac{a}{(1-a)^2}, 0 < a < 1$$

Example

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$$

$$P_X(k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^k}{k!}, k = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{k \geq 0} k \frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$= \sum_{k \geq 1} k \frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$= \sum_{k \geq 1} \lambda \frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

$$\text{where } \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} = e^{\lambda}$$

$$= \lambda$$

Example

$S_X = 3$ constant RV, degenerate RV

$$P_X(3) = 1$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{x \in S_X} x P_X(x) = 3 \cdot 1 = 3$$

$$E[3] = 3$$

In general $E[a] = a$ where $a \in \mathbb{R}$

Example

$$S_X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$P_X(k) = \frac{1}{ck^2} \text{ where } k = 1, 2, \dots, c \text{ is a positive constant}$$

$$\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{ck^2} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{c} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k^2} = 1$$

$$\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k^2} = c$$

$$\text{where } \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k^2} \rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{k \geq 1} k P_X(k)$$

$$= \frac{1}{c} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{k}{k^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{c} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k}$$

$$\text{where } \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$E[X] = \infty$$

Remarks

If S_X is countably infinite and it included both positive and negative values

$$E[X] = \sum_{x \in S_X} x P_X(x)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in S_X, x \geq 0} x P_X(x) + \sum_{x \in S_X, x < 0} x P_X(x)$$

$$\text{If } \sum_{x \in S_X, x \geq 0} x P_X(x) \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{If } \sum_{x \in S_X, x < 0} x P_X(x) \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$E[X] = \infty - \infty \text{ which is undefined}$$

Properties of $E[X]$

$$S_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$$

Suppose $x_i \geq a$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots$

$$E[X] \geq a$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{x \in S_X} x P_X(x) = \sum_{x \in S_X} a P_X(x) = a \sum_{x \in S_X} P_X(x) = a$$

Similarly if $x_i \leq b \forall x_i \in S_X$

$$E[X] \leq b$$

Function of a RV

$$S_X = \{-3, -1, 1, 3\}$$

$X \sim \text{uniform over the range } S_X$

$$E[X] = 0, Y = X^2$$

$$S_Y = \{1, 9\}$$

$$P_Y(y)$$

$$P_Y(1) = P(Y = 1) = P(X^2 = 1) = P_X(1) + P_X(-1) = 1/2$$

$$P_Y(9) = 1 - P_Y(1) = 1/2$$

$$E[Y] = 1 \cdot 1/2 + 9 \cdot 1/2 = 5$$

Result

If $y = g(x)$, then

$$E[Y] = \sum_{x \in S_X} g(x) P_X(x)$$

$$E[Y] = E[X^2] = 5 \neq (E[X])^2$$

In general $E[g(x)] \neq g(E[X])$

Proof of result

$$Y = g(x), S_y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$$

$$E[Y] = \sum_{y \in S_y} y P_Y(y)$$

$$P_Y(y) = P(Y = y) = P(g(x) = y)$$

$$= \sum_{x_i: g(x_i) = y} P_X(x_i)$$

$$\text{So, } E[Y] = \sum_{y \in S_y} y \left(\sum_{x_i: g(x_i) = y} P_X(x_i) \right)$$

RHS:

$$\sum_{x \in S_X} g(x) P_X(x)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in S_X: g(x) = y_1} g(x) P_X(x) + \sum_{x \in S_X: g(x) = y_2} g(x) P_X(x) + \dots + \sum_{x \in S_X: g(x) = y_m} g(x) P_X(x)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in S_X: g(x) = y_1} y_1 P_X(x) + \sum_{x \in S_X: g(x) = y_2} y_2 P_X(x) + \dots + \sum_{x \in S_X: g(x) = y_m} y_m P_X(x)$$

$$= y_1 \sum_{x \in S_X: g(x) = y_1} P_X(x) + y_2 \sum_{x \in S_X: g(x) = y_2} P_X(x) + \dots + y_m \sum_{x \in S_X: g(x) = y_m} P_X(x)$$

Week 5 Session 1

Expected value of RV

Definition: X is a discrete RV

$$E[X] = \sum_{x \in S_X} x P_X(x)$$

Function of a RV

If $y = g(x)$

Then $E[Y] = \sum_{x \in S_X} g(x) P_X(x)$

Why?

By definition of $E[Y]$

$$E[Y] = \sum_{y \in S_Y} y P(Y = y) \text{ where } P(Y = y) = P(g(x) = y)$$

$$= \sum_{y \in S_Y} y \left(\sum_{x: g(x) = y} P_X(x) \right)$$

$$= y_1 \sum_{x: g(x) = y_1} P_X(x) + y_2 \sum_{x: g(x) = y_2} P_X(x) + \dots$$

Moreover

$\sum_{x \in S_X} g(x)P_X(x)$ rearrange terms equals to the above

Example

X uniform $S_X = \{-3, -1, 1, 3\}$

$$E[X] = 0$$

$$Y = g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$E[Y] = \sum_{x \in S_X} g(x)P_X(x) = 1 \cdot 1/4 + 1 \cdot 1/4 + 0 \cdot 1/4 + 0 \cdot 1/4 = 1/2$$

$$g(E[X]) = 0 \neq E[g(x)]$$

Linearity properties of Expectation

1. $E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b$

$$Y = aX + b$$

$$E[Y] = \sum_{x \in S_X} (ax + b)P_X(x)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in S_X} a_x P_X(x) + \sum_{x \in S_X} b P_X(x)$$

$$= aE[X] + b$$

2. $E[ag(x) + bh(x) + c]$

$$= aE[g(x)] + bE[h(x)] + c$$

$$Z = ag(x) + bh(x) + c$$

$$E[Z] = \sum_{x \in S_X} (ag(x) + bh(x) + c)P_X(x)$$

$$= a \sum_x g(x)P_X(x) + b \sum h(x)P_X(x) + c \sum P_X(x)$$

$$= aE[g(x)] + bE[h(x)] + c$$

Example

$E[X] = 0$, mean of X , mean value of X , 1^{st} moment of X

$E[X^2] = 5$, 2^{nd} moment of X

$E[X^n]$, n^{th} moment of X

$$Y = (2x + 10)^2$$

$$E[Y] = E[(2X + 10)^2]$$

$$= E[4X^2 + 40X + 100]$$

$$= 4E[X^2] + 40E[X] + 100$$

$$= 120$$

Example

$X \sim \text{Binomial}(48, 1/3), S_X = \{0, 1, \dots, 48\}$

X is the number of voice packets that need to be transmitted.

Transmitter can only send 20 packets.

If X is more than 20, the excess packets are discarded.

Expected number of discarded packets

$$\begin{aligned} Y = g(x) &= \begin{cases} x - 20 & \text{if } x > 20 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq 20 \end{cases} \\ E[Y] &= \sum_{x \in S_X} g(x) P_X(x) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{20} 0 \cdot P_X(x) + \sum_{k=21}^{48} (k - 20) \cdot P_X(k) \\ &= \sum_{k=21}^{48} (k - 20) \binom{48}{k} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^k \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{48-k} \\ &= 0.182 \end{aligned}$$

$$E[X] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E[(X - 0)^2] \\ &= E[X^2] = (1)^2 \cdot 1/2 + (-1)^2 \cdot 1/2 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$E[Y] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[Y] &= E[(Y - 0)^2] \\ &= E[Y^2] = 100 \end{aligned}$$

Variance of a RV

$$E[(X - m_X)^2]$$

Variance of X : $\text{Var}(X)$ or σ_X^2

Standard Deviation

$$\sigma_X = +\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$$

Example

$X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$

$$S_X = \{0, 1\}$$

$$P_X(1) = p, P_X(0) = 1 - p$$

$$E[X] = 0 \cdot P_X(0) + 1 \cdot P_X(1) = p$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}[X] &= E[(X - p)^2] \\
&= (0 - p)^2 P_X(0) + (1 - p)^2 P_X(1) \\
&= p^2(1 - p) + (1 - p)^2 p \\
&= p(1 - p)
\end{aligned}$$

Example: Degenerate/ Constant RV

$$\begin{aligned}
S_X &= \{c\} \\
E[X] &= c \cdot 1 = c \\
\text{Var}(X) &= E[(X - c)^2] \\
&= \sum_{x \in S_X} (x - c)^2 P_X(x) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(X) &= E[(X - m_X)^2] = \sum_{x \in S_X} (x - m_X)^2 P_X(x) \\
\text{Var}(X) &= E[(X - m_X)^2] = E[X^2 - 2m_X X + m_X^2] \\
&= E[X^2] - 2m_X E[X] + m_X^2 \\
&= E[X^2] - 2m_X m_X + m_X^2 \\
&= E[X^2] - m_X^2 \\
E[ag(x) + bh(x) + c] &= aE[g(x)] + bE[h(x)] + c \text{ applied} \\
\text{Var}(X) &= E[X^2] - m_X^2
\end{aligned}$$

Example

$$\begin{aligned}
Y &= X + c \\
E[Y] &= E[X + c] = E[X] + c \text{ where } E[X] = m_X \\
\text{Var}(Y) &= E[(Y - m_Y)^2] \text{ where } m_Y = m_X + c \\
&= E[(x + c - (m_X + c))^2] \\
&= E[(X - m_X)^2] \\
&= \sigma_X^2 \\
\text{If } Y &= X + c, \text{ then } \text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(X)
\end{aligned}$$

Example

$$\begin{aligned}
Y &= c \cdot X \\
E[Y] &= E[cX] = cE[X] = cm_X \\
\text{Var}(Y) &= E[(Y - m_Y)^2] \\
&= E[(cX - cm_X)^2] \\
&= E[c^2(X - m_X)^2]
\end{aligned}$$

$$= c^2 E[(X - m_X)^2]$$

$$= c^2 \text{Var}(X)$$

$$\text{If } Y = cX, \text{ then } \text{Var}(Y) = c^2 \text{Var}(X)$$

$$\text{If } Y = -X, \text{ then } \text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(X)$$

Example

$$X, m_X, \sigma_X^2$$

$$Y = \frac{X - m_X}{\sigma_X}$$

$$E[Y] = E\left[\frac{1}{\sigma_X}(X - m_X)\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma_X} E[(X - m_X)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma_X} (E[X] - m_X)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E[(Y - 0)^2]$$

$$= E[Y^2]$$

$$= E\left[\frac{(X - m_X)^2}{\sigma_X^2}\right]$$

$$= E\left[\frac{1}{\sigma_X^2}(X - m_X)^2\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma_X^2} E[(X - m_X)^2]$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_X^2} = 1$$

$$\frac{X - m_X}{\sigma_X} \rightarrow \text{Normalized form of } X \text{ has mean 0 and variance 1}$$

Conditional probability

Bayes' Rule

Total probability law

Let C be any event with $P(C) > 0$

$$P(A|C) = \frac{P(A \cap C)}{P(C)}$$

$$A = \{X = x\} = \{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = x\}$$

$$P(A|C) = P(X = x|C)$$

$$= \frac{P(\{X=x\} \cap C)}{P(C)}$$

$$P_X(x|C) := \frac{P(\{X=x\} \cap C)}{P(C)} = P(X = x|C)$$

We can use the above definition for all $x \in S_X$

$$S_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

$P_X(x_1|C), P_X(x_2|C), \dots$ are conditional PMF of X given C

Results

$$1. 0 \leq P_X(x_i|C) \leq 1$$

$$2. \sum_{x \in S_X} P_X(x|C) = 1$$

$$3. a) P(x \in (a, b)|C) = \sum_{x \in (a, b)} P_X(x|C)$$

b) If B is any subset of \mathbb{R}

$$P(X \in B|C) = \sum_{x \in B} P_X(x|C)$$

$$S_X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n P(X = x_i|C) = P(\Omega|C) = 1$$

Example

X has uniform PMF with $S_X = \{1, 2, \dots, L\}$ for $1 \leq k \leq L$

$$P_X(k) = \frac{1}{L}$$

$$C = \{X > 1\}$$

Conditional PMF of X given C

$$P_X(1|C) = P(X = 1|X > 1) = \frac{P(X=1 \cap X>1)}{P(X>1)} = 0$$

For $2 \leq k \leq L$

$$P_X(k|C) = P(X = k|X > 1) = \frac{P(X=k \cap X>1)}{P(X>1)} = \frac{1/L}{1-1/L} = \frac{1}{L-1}$$

Example

$X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$

$$S_X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$P_X(k) = (1-p)^{k-1}p \text{ where } k \geq 1$$

$$C = \{X > 1\}$$

$$Y = X - 1$$

Conditional PMF of Y given C

$$P(Y = k|C) = P(Y = k|X > 1)$$

$$= P(X - 1 = k|X > 1)$$

$$= P(X = 1 + k|X > 1)$$

$$= \frac{P(X=1+k \cap X>1)}{P(X>1)}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{0}{1-p} & k = 0 \\ \frac{P_X(1+k)}{1-p} & k = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases}$$

$$P(Y = k|X > 1) = P(X = k)$$

Exercise

$$X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$$

$C = \{X > m\}$ where m is a positive integer

$$Z = X - m$$

Find the conditional PMF of Z given C

Chain Rule

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)$$

Bayes' Rule

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

Law of total probability

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A \cap C_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A|C_i)P(C_i)$$

Example

Factory that produce 2 types of devices

Type 1 is produced with probability α

Lifetime $\sim \text{Geometric}(r)$

Type 2 is produced with probability $1 - \alpha$

Lifetime $\sim \text{Geometric}(s)$

I purchase a device from this factory X = lifetimes of purchased device

$$S_X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

PMF of X

$$P_X(k) = P(X = k)$$

$$= P(X = k|\text{Type 1})P(\text{Type 1}) + P(X = k|\text{Type 2})P(\text{Type 2})$$

$$= (1 - r)^{k-1}r\alpha + (1 - s)^{k-1}s(1 - \alpha)$$

Verify that $P_X(k)$ adds up to 1 of summed over all $k \geq 1$

Suppose I observe that $X = m$

$$P(\text{Type 1 device was purchased} | X = m) = \frac{P(X=m|\text{Type 1})P(\text{Type 1})}{P(X=m)}$$

$$= \frac{(1-r)^{m-1}r\alpha}{(1-r)^{m-1}r\alpha + (1-s)^{m-1}s(1-\alpha)}$$

$$P(\text{Type 1} | X > m) = \frac{P(X > m | \text{Type 1})P(\text{Type 1})}{P(X > m)}$$

where $P(X > m | \text{Type 1}) = \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} (1 - r)^{k-1}r$

$$P(X > m) = P(X > m | \text{Type 1})\alpha + P(X > m | \text{Type 2})(1 - \alpha)$$

| PMF | Expectation |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| $P_X(k)$ | $E[X] = \sum_{x \in S_X} x P_X(x)$ |
| Conditional PMF | Conditional Expectation |
| $P_X(x C)$ | $E[X C] = \sum_{x \in S_X} x P_X(x C)$ |

$$E[\text{lifetime}|\text{Type 1}] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k P_X(k|\text{Type 1})$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(1-r)^{k-1}r$$

Week 5 Session 2

1. $E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b$
2. $\text{Var}[X] = E[(X - m_X)^2] = E[X^2] - m_X^2$
3. Conditional PMF of RV X given event C
 $P_X(x|C)$ for $x \in S_X$

Using law of total probability with RVs

Suppose C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n is a partition of Ω , then

$$P_X(x) = P(X = x)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n P(\{X = x\} \cap C_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n P(X = x|C_i)P(C_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n P_X(x|C_i)P(C_i)$$

Example

X is a discrete RV with range $S_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

For any real number c , the mean squared error is defined as follows

$$f(c) = E[(X - c)^2]$$

What choice of c given the minimum value of $f(c)$

$$E[(X - c)^2] = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - c)^2 P_X(x_i)$$

$$f(c) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - c)^2 P_X(x_i)$$

$$\frac{df(c)}{dc} = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n -2(x_i - c)P_X(x_i) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i P_X(x_i) = c \sum_{i=1}^n P_X(x_i)$$

$$c = m_X$$

$$\frac{d^2 f(c)}{dc^2} > 0$$

$$c = m_X$$

$$f(c) = f(m_X) = E[(X - m_X)^2] = \text{Var}(X)$$

Conditional PMF given C

$$P_X(x|C), x \in S_X$$

Conditional expectation given C

$$m_{X|c} = E[X|C] = \sum_{x \in S_X} x P_X(x|C)$$

$$E[g(X)|C] = \sum_{x \in S_X} g(x) P_X(x|C)$$

Conditional variance given C

$$E[(X - m_{X|C})^2|C] = \sum_{x \in S_X} (x - m_{X|C})^2 P_X(x|C)$$

Law of total expectation

Theorem: Suppose C_1, \dots, C_n is a partition of Ω . Then

$$P_X(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_X(x|C_i)P(C_i)$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X|C_i]P(C_i)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \sum_{x \in S_X} x P_X(x) \\ &= \sum_{x \in S_X} x \sum_{i=1}^n P_X(x|C_i)P(C_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{x \in S_X} x P_X(x|C_i)P(C_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n E[X|C_i]P(C_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$Y = g(x)$$

$$E[Y] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[Y|C_i]P(C_i)$$

$$E[g(x)] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[g(x)|C_i]P(C_i)$$

Example

C_1, C_2 form a partition of Ω

Given C_1 . $X \sim \text{Geometric}(r)$

Given C_2 . $X \sim \text{Geometric}(s)$

$Z \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$

$$E[Z] = 1/p$$

$$E[Z^2] = \frac{1+p}{p^2}$$

Find $\text{Var}(X)$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - m_X^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
m_X &= E[X] = E[X|C_1]P(C_1) + E[X|C_2]P(C_2) \\
&= \frac{1}{r}P(C_1) + \frac{1}{s}P(C_2) \\
E[X^2] &= E[X^2|C_1]P(C_1) + E[X^2|C_2]P(C_2) \\
&= \frac{1+r}{r^2}P(C_1) + \frac{1+s}{s^2}P(C_2) \\
Var(X) &= E[X^2] - (m_X)^2
\end{aligned}$$

Example

n independent Bernoulli trials

Each trial may result in a success with probability p or a failure with probability $1 - p$

X = number of successes in n trials

$$P_X(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \text{ where } 0 \leq k \leq n$$

Suppose $X = 1$

What is the conditional probability that the first trial was successful?

$A_1 = \{\text{first trial is success}\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(A_1|X=1) &= \frac{P(A_1 \cap X=1)}{P(X=1)} \\
&= \frac{P(SFFFF...F)}{\binom{n}{1} p^1 (1-p)^{n-1}} \\
&= \frac{p^1 (1-p)^{n-1}}{\binom{n}{1} p^1 (1-p)^{n-1}} \\
&= \frac{1}{n}
\end{aligned}$$

$A_2 = \{\text{second trial is success}\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(A_2|X=1) &= \frac{P(A_2 \cap X=1)}{P(X=1)} \\
&= \frac{P(FSFFF...F)}{\binom{n}{1} p^1 (1-p)^{n-1}} \\
&= \frac{1}{n}
\end{aligned}$$

Example

Given A_1 , find the conditional PMF of X

$$S_X = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

$$P_X(0|A_1) = P(X=0|A_1) = 0$$

For $n \geq k \geq 1$

$$P_X(k|A_1) = P(X=k|A_1) = \frac{P(X=k \cap A_1)}{P(A_1)}$$

$$P(A_1) = p$$

$$P(X=k \cap A_1) = P(A_1 \cap k-1 \text{ success trials } 2, 3, \dots, n)$$

$$= P(A_1)P(k-1 \text{ success trials } 2, 3, \dots, n)$$

$$= p \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^{k-1} (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$P_X(k|A_1) = \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^{k-1} (1-p)^{n-k} \text{ for } 1 \leq k \leq n$$

$$P(X \geq n-1|A_1) = P_X(n-1|A_1) + P_X(n|A_1)$$

$$= \binom{n-1}{n-2} p^{n-2} (1-p)^1 + p^{n-1}$$

$$= (n-1)p^{n-2}(1-p) + p^{n-1}$$

Conditional PMF of X given A_1^c

$$S_X = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

$$P_X(n|A_1^c) = P(X = n|A_1^c) = 0$$

For $0 \leq k \leq n-1$

$$P_X(k|A_1^c) = P(X = k|A_1^c)$$

$$= \frac{P(X=k \cap A_1^c)}{P(A_1^c)}$$

$$= \frac{P(A_1^c \cap k \text{ success in trials } 2, \dots, n)}{1-p}$$

$$= \frac{P(A_1^c)P(\text{success in trials } 2, \dots, n)}{1-p}$$

$$= \binom{n-1}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-1-k}$$

$$P_X(k|A_1), P_X(k|A_1^c) \text{ where } 0 \leq k \leq n$$

Verify

$$P(X = k) = P(X = k|A_1)P(A_1) + P(X = k|A_1^c)P(A_1^c)$$

$$k = 0$$

$$\text{LHS: } P(X = 0) = (1-p)^n$$

$$\text{RHS: } P(X = 0|A_1)P(A_1) + P(X = 0|A_1^c)P(A_1^c)$$

$$= 0P(A_1) + (1-p)^{n-1}(1-p)$$

$$= (1-p)^n$$

$$P(A_1|X = 2) = \frac{P(X=2|A_1)P(A_1)}{P(X=2)}$$

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2|X = 2) = \frac{P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap X=2)}{P(X=2)}$$

$$= \frac{pp(1-p)^{n-2}}{\binom{n}{2}p^2(1-p)^{n-2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}}$$

If A, B are independent

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

If A, B are disjoint

$$P(A \cup B|C) = P(A|C) + P(B|C)$$

$$P(A \cup B|C) = \frac{P(A \cup B \cap C)}{P(C)}$$

$$= \frac{P(A \cap C \cup B \cap C)}{P(C)}$$

$$= \frac{P(A \cap C) + P(B \cap C)}{P(C)}$$

$$= P(A|C) + P(B|C)$$

$$Z \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$$

$$P_X(k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!} \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$E[Z] = \lambda$$

$$\text{Var}[Z] = \lambda$$

$$E[Z^2] = \lambda + \lambda^2$$

Example

Optical Communication

Receiver in an optical communication system. If message is being sent, then the receiver gets a random number of photons that has a Poisson PMF λ_1

If message is not being sent, then receiver gets a random number of photons with a Poisson PMF λ_0

$$\lambda_0 < \lambda_1$$

The prior probability that a message is being sent is p

a) Suppose the receiver get k photons. Conditional probability that a message was sent

X = number of photons at the receiver

$M = \{\text{message is sent}\}$

$A = \{\text{message is absent}\}, A = M^c$

$$P(M|X = k) = \frac{P(X=k|M)P(M)}{P(X=k)}$$

$$\text{Number} = \frac{\lambda_1^k e^{-\lambda_1}}{k!} p$$

$$\text{Denominator } P(X = k) = P(X = k|M)P(M) + P(X = k|A)P(A)$$

$$= \frac{\lambda_1^k e^{-\lambda_1}}{k!} p + \frac{\lambda_0^k e^{-\lambda_0}}{k!} (1 - p)$$

b) Receiver calculates $I = P(M|X = k)$ and $II = P(A|X = k)$

Declares message present if $I > II$

Declares message absent if $I < II$

Declare present if:

$$P(M|X = k) > P(A|X = k)$$

$$\frac{\frac{\lambda_1^k e^{-\lambda_1}}{k!} p}{P(X=k)} > \frac{\frac{\lambda_0^k e^{-\lambda_0}}{k!} (1-p)}{P(X=k)}$$

$$\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_0}^k > \frac{1-p}{p} e^{\lambda_1 - \lambda_0}$$

$$k > \frac{\log \frac{1-p}{p} + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_0)}{\log(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_0})} = c$$

Receiver decision rule is

Declare present if Number of photons $> c$

Declare absent if Number of photons $\leq c$

c) Suppose that a message is present. What is the probability that the receiver makes a wrong declaration?

$$P(\text{Declaring Absent}|M) = P(X \leq c|M)$$

$$= \sum_{0 \leq k \leq c} e^{-\lambda_1} \frac{\lambda_1^k}{k!}$$

$$d) P(\text{Declares present}|A) = P(X > c|A)$$

$$= \sum_{k > c} e^{-\lambda_0} \frac{\lambda_0^k}{k!}$$

e) Probability that receiver makes a wrong declaration

$$W = \{\text{Wrong declaration}\}$$

$$P(W) = P(W|M)P(M) + P(W|A)P(A)$$

$$= P(W|M)p + P(W|A)(1-p)$$

$$f) M \rightarrow X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1)$$

$$A \rightarrow X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_0)$$

$$E[X] = E[X|M]P[M] + E[X|A]P[A]$$

$$= \lambda_1 p + \lambda_0 (1-p)$$

$$g) E[X^2] = E[X^2|M]P[M] + E[X^2|A]P[A]$$

$$= (\lambda + \lambda^2)p + (\lambda_0 + \lambda_0^2)(1-p)$$

$$P(X = 2), x \in S_X$$

Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

